

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Eighth Town Council of Highland
Monday, November 18, 2013**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Eighth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, November 18, 2013** at the time of 7:10 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Bernie Zemen, Mark Herak, Dan Vassar and Konnie Kuiper were present. Councilor Brian Novak tendered a resignation from the Town Council to the proper officer to be effective November 4, 2013. A quorum was attained. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings.

Also present: Peter Hohnicki, Metropolitan Police Chief; George Georgeff, Police Commander; Larry Moes, Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioner; William R. Timmer, CFOD, Fire Chief; Ed Dabrowski of CBL Consulting - the IT Consultant; and Randy Bowman, Assistant Inspection for Electric were present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council, Fire Chief, Metropolitan Police Chief, and Commander Georgeff discussed the current status of the 911 public safety access point (PSAP) consolidation. The discussion included whether the Town Council should adopt the St. John proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and alternative consolidation plan. It was suggested by the Fire Chief that the MOU has been adopted or approved by Cedar Lake, Dyer, Lowell, Schererville and St. John.

The Town Council and the parties shown above discussed the fluid nature of the process. As an example, the discussion included how the county has changed from having two dispatch PSAPs to one plus one dark site and now only one.

The discussion included concerns about the possible impacts that may ensue unintentionally to the urban core should such an approach to developing two PSAPs be implemented.

The Town Council President asked that the matter be set for consideration at the next meeting's agenda, Monday, November 25, 2013.

2. The Town Council discussed the recent resignation of legislative appointee, Greg Cieslak, from the Plan Commission. Mr. Cieslak is a member of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, recently elected its president. Based upon the added duties, Commissioner Cieslak, determined that he could not continue to perform as a Plan Commissioner as well. The Town Council discussed the qualities that were necessary and desirable in any possible successor to Commissioner Cieslak. The Town Council discussed the merits of appointing a member from the Town Council or an appointed officer. It was determined that a member from the legislative body was preferable. It was noted the matter would be added to the forthcoming agenda.
3. The Town Council discussed the meeting schedule for December, noting the current last standing meeting was slated for December 23, 2013. The Town Council determined that the meeting starting time should be adjusted for a 5:30 p.m. study session and a regular starting meeting for 6:00 p.m. It would be added to the action agenda for Monday, November 25, 2013.

4. The Town Council discussed the competing merits of obtaining another trained police dog. It was noted that the most recent dog was returned owing to the resignation of the handler.

Some members of the Town Council expressed reservations about obtaining another police dog. The reservations actually evolved to a consensus not favoring the replacement of a police dog at the present time.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council of **Monday, November 18, 2013**, was adjourned at 8:10 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer